

Cloudy and unsettled today and probably tomorrow. Temperatures yesterday—Maximum, 64; minimum, 42.

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JOHN LIND SHOT, IT IS REPORTED FROM VERA CRUZ

Members of Huerta Cabinet Seek to Reopen Negotiations with O'Shaughnessy.

HUERTA IS LOCATED

American Charge Refuses to Enter into Negotiations Unless Proposed Congress is Called Off.

Mexico City, Nov. 13.—A report reached here tonight from Vera Cruz that John Lind, President Wilson's special envoy, had been shot.

Mexico City, Nov. 13.—President Huerta tonight was located after thirty-six hours absence. He is at the home of Gen. Blanquet seeking rest. Throughout the day it was rumored that he had fled, would go into exile, and announce his abdication just before sailing.

Would Reopen Negotiations.

Late tonight it was learned that members of the Huerta Cabinet had approached Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy with a plea for the reopening of negotiations.

This plea, however, was accompanied by a request for the withdrawal of the announced objection of the Washington government to the meetings of the new Congress, which is scheduled to organize Saturday in preparation for its formal opening on November 20.

It is understood that Mr. O'Shaughnessy has advised the Cabinet members who approached him that Washington is irrevocably opposed to any recognition of the new Congress. The reason for this attitude, as explained in yesterday's dispatches, is that the Washington government fears the possibility of complications arising from the granting of oil concessions, especially the enormous Cuernavaca oil concession, to which the new Congress is committed.

Plan May Fail.

It is feared that the determination of the Huerta cabinet to have the Congress meet and pass the oil concessions may result in absolute failure of the effort of the conservative cabinet faction to reopen negotiations.

Lorenzo G. Gonzalez Trevino, father-in-law of former Minister of Gobernacion Rafael Hernandez, was arrested here today on a charge of having plotted against the government.

President Is Hopeful Of Peaceful Solution Of Problem in Mexico

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

President Wilson yesterday received information touching the Mexican situation which caused him to decide to change his plans and resulted in his using the following optimistic statement to newspaper men:

"There are elements in the case which I cannot at present discuss, but which make it look to me very much more favorable." He was referring to the ousting of Huerta and the means without intervention. In fact, in making the statement, he was referring to the fact that the intervention is at least not a possibility in the immediate future.

Despite the continuation of reports of Huerta's flight from Mexico City, the State Department did not, as far as could be ascertained yesterday, receive any confirmation of the reports.

The most generally accepted explanation of the President's attitude was that some encouraging word had been received from Dr. William Bayard Hale, unofficial representative of the President, and who is now negotiating with Gen. Carranza, leader of the revolutionists at Nogales, Sonora.

Conditions Are Imposed.

Dr. Hale is believed to have informed Carranza just what the latter must agree to in the way of political program before this government will lend moral support. Among the conditions involved are fair and constitutional elections, following an interim, during which a man agreeable to all factions will preside over Mexico.

Dr. Hale is in a position to assure Carranza, it is understood, that the big powers have intimated plainly to this government that they will be parties to a plan to establish a new republic, with the exception of unlimited supplies of arms. It is not believed that the President, with the strength of Carranza yet untried, is prepared to lend moral support against arms and supply every hand in Mexico with a repeating rifle and a few thousand rounds of cartridges.

In explanation of the President's optimism, it is suggested that Carranza may have accepted all the conditions imposed by this country, guaranteeing to Mexico not only fair and constitutional elections, but a legislative and administrative program of reform following elections. The agreement is reported to include the name of the man to be selected as Provisional President. This course is almost identical in its major parts with that suggested following the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz by the late President Madero.

Foreigners Are Afraid.

But, even in the event of such an agreement, the situation in Mexico does not clear materially as far as the lives and property of foreigners is concerned. The one document which foreigners in Mexico City and other centers of population now held by the Federalists fear most of all is the sudden downfall of Huerta with no equally strong and well-organized power ready to step into his place. And only through the acquiescence of Huerta could such a change as is contemplated in the agreement be accomplished without disorder. And it can be stated authoritatively that Huerta has indicated no intention to step down or compromise in the face of pressure being brought to bear upon him by the United States. His action in ordering the newly elected Congress to assemble tomorrow is an indication of that.

At the State Department Wednesday Secretary Bryan was quoted as having said that he has ceased to use the word "encouraging" in connection with the

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC WANTS 10,000 PORKERS FROM UNITED STATES

Government Thinks that It Can Improve Breed of Its Hogs with American Swine.

The Argentine government wants 10,000 pigs. Its special representative, Albert and Charles Harris, believe that the best pigs are obtained in the United States and yesterday they conferred with officials of the Department of Agriculture with regard to placing their large order, which is expected, the Chicago dealers eventually will fill.

The pigs are wanted for breeding purposes. The Argentine government is making an effort to improve the breed of pigs in that country, and believes that it can make a good start in that direction with its order for 10,000 American hogs.

MERCHANTS ASK PRESIDENT'S AID

Association Would Enlist Wilson's Help in Fight for Armor Plant.

LETTER TO DANIELS, TOO

Retailers Will Start "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" Campaign. Committee Named.

The board of governors of the Retail Merchants' Association last night decided to send a letter to the President asking that the proposed \$2,000,000 government-owned armor plant be built in Washington.

A resolution was unanimously passed to endorse the campaign to obtain the armor plant for this city. It is suggested by the merchants that the plant be built on the government land adjoining Great Falls. The resolution points out that thousands of dollars might be saved by utilizing the power of Great Falls. Secretary of the Navy Daniels, as well as the President, will be sent a copy of the resolution.

The merchants intend to launch a campaign to persuade Washingtonians to do their Christmas shopping early. President B. P. Andrews prepared a resolution that was approved, calling for a committee on early shopping.

Discuss Street Lights.

It was pointed out by Mr. Andrews that the customer, the clerk, and the merchant will benefit by early shopping. The stores now are prepared to meet the demand for Christmas presents.

Gervon Nordlinger, chairman of the committee on early shopping, submitted his report. The governors approved the report and said that the committee has proved one of the most valuable in the association.

Edward Nordlinger introduced a resolution regarding the illumination of New York Avenue and other business streets. The resolution was carried, and preparations will be made to present arguments to the Commissioners at a hearing to be held next Tuesday.

"YOU OLD BONEHEAD," HE CRIES AT JUDGE

Henry Spencer, Chicago "Tango Slayer," Jeers at Jurist and Witnesses During Trial.

Wheaton, Ill., Nov. 13.—"You're ten minutes late, you old bonehead. Why don't you get some action?"

This greeting was shouted at dignified Judge Slosser as he mounted to his place in the DuPage County court room today, by Henry Spencer, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison Rexroat, the Chicago tango teacher.

Judge Slosser has studied many law books and records of precedents, but he has heard nothing that will give him power to punish Spencer for the insulting remarks which he hurled at the court since his trial began.

Edward Rexroat, former husband of the murdered woman, testified as to the identity of his wife.

"Look at that boob," jeered Spencer, as Rexroat testified.

LABOR PARTY PROPOSED BY UNION DELEGATE

Head of Pressmen Introduces Resolution at Convention of American Federation.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 13.—At today's session of the American Federation of Labor convention, George L. Berry, president of the International Pressmen's Union, offered a resolution calling for the formation of a labor party, and asking that the federation as a whole, pursue a course of political as well as industrial activity.

The resolution went to a committee.

2,500 EMPLOYEES STRIKE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, and Trainmen Quit When Ultimatum Is Unheeded.

New Orleans, Nov. 13.—Twenty-five hundred Southern Pacific engineers, firemen, conductors, and trainmen, employed on the division between El Paso and New Orleans went on strike at 7 o'clock this evening because an ultimatum demanding joint adjustment of their grievances was not replied to by the railroad.

One thousand men went out in New Orleans and vicinity, affecting the New Orleans-New Iberia division. At Houston Place Southeast, was beaten out of 17 by Harrison, she alleges. Matilda Harrison, 29 Oakdale Street Northwest, claims he got \$1 from her.

Negro Held as Swindler.

Detectives Grant and Armstrong yesterday arrested Joseph Harrison, colored, it is alleged Harrison worked the old lost pocket book scheme on several persons of his race. Summa Davis, 124 Water Place Southeast, was beaten out of \$17 by Harrison, she alleges. Matilda Harrison, 29 Oakdale Street Northwest, claims he got \$1 from her.



Community Christmas Tree Advisory Committee Named

Permanent Organization Will Be Effected at Meeting at the Willard Hotel Monday Afternoon at 4:30 o'Clock.

The Washington Community Christmas tree plan took another step forward yesterday, with the announcement of the date on which the permanent organization of the committee will be made, and the names of those who have been asked to act as the advisory committee.

Richard B. Watrous was appointed temporary secretary of the executive committee.

Those who have taken the initiative in the proposed celebration will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the Willard at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and at that time the organization will be made permanent. Officers and standing committees will be named and the work on the details will start.

INVITED TO ACT ON ADVISORY BODY OF THE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY PLAN

Byron S. Adams, Milton E. Allen, R. P. Andrews, Joseph P. Annin, Harmon Bakshoff, William H. Baldwin, Lester A. Barr, Hon. John Barrett, Charles J. Bell, Ira E. Bennett, Emilie Berliner, Count J. H. von Bernstorff, Henry P. Blay, Mrs. H. P. Blount, Miss M. T. Boardman, George F. Bowerman, Dr. J. C. Boyd, U. S. N., W. W. Brice, Chapin Brown, Aldis B. Browne, Mrs. Mary C. Buckingham, Miss Lydia A. H. Burklin, Arthur Deerin Call, Daniel J. Callahan, Frank T. Coddington, C. J. Corby, William S. Corby, W. V. Cox, Mrs. William Crozier, Mrs. R. G. Davenport, Hon. Wm. H. De Lacy, Hon. Louis A. Dent, Mrs. George Dewey, John Dolph, Mrs. John J. Duff, John Joy Edson, D. A. Edwards, William J. Eynon, Gen. John W. Foster, Percy R. Foster, Mrs. Isabella Freeman, W. T. Gallinger, Mrs. Ida Galloway, Isaac Gans, Julius Gardinski, Mrs. E. J. Garmhausen, C. C. Glover, C. J. Gockler, Edwin C. Graham, James M. Green, William F. Gude, George E. Hamilton, Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, Col. Chester Harding, U. S. A., Col. R. N. Harper, G. W. Harris, Dr. Wm. P. C. Hazen, Mrs. Christian Hennrich, F. S. Hight, J. Phil Herrmann, Christian Heurich, W. R. Hilbo, Mrs. Joel Hillman, W. H. Hoover, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Hon. H. P. Johnson, Gen. John A. Johnston, Simon Kann, D. J. Kaufman, J. Fred Kelley, Mrs. R. Kennedy, Clarence P. King, John B. Lerner, Hon. J. W. Latimer, Ralph W. Lee, M. A. Leese, A. Lerner, Capt. A. F. Lucas, Otto Luebkert, G. A. Lyon, Jr., E. S. McLean, Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland, Edwin S. Marlow, Edgar S. Martin, Rev. Paul Mantel, Mrs. Edward A. Mitchell, Arthur C. Moore, William H. Myers, Hon. Alex. R. Mullenbary, Mrs. Clara D. Nellig, C. F. Neelot, Hon. Oliver P. Newman, C. F. Norment, Theodore W. Noyes, Capt. James F. Oyster, Arthur J. Parsons, R. Ross Perry, Mrs. Susan Perry, Rev. U. S. B. Pierce, John Poole, D. B. Porter, Samuel J. Prescott, Hon. James L. Pugh, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, Prof. Wm. H. Ramsey, Mrs. Chas. W. Richardson, Miss Alice L. Riggs, Rt. Rev. Wm. T. Russell, William H. Saunders, George F. Schutt, W. E. Shannon, James Sharp, Louis F. Shoemaker, Hon. Fred L. Siddons, Prof. Thos. W. Sidwell, C. W. Skinner, Rabbi Abraham Simon, Prof. Otto T. Simon, J. Henry Small, Jr., Thomas W. Smith, Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, E. J. Stillwagon, Joseph M. Stoddard, Joseph Straburger, Maj. Richard Sylvester, Corcoran Thom, Col. Robt. M. Thompson, Dr. William Thimble, Washington Topham, Walter S. Ufford, Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., R. H. Vandergriff, Kurt E. F. Voelckner, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Harry Wardman, Hon. R. H. Warner, Richard B. Watrous, John L. Weaver, Joseph E. Waller, M. J. Waller, Edith C. Wascott, Hon. Henry L. West, William D. West, Martin Wiegand, Charles M. Willoughby, Gen. John M. Wilson, William A. Wimsatt, Alexander Wolf, Hon. Robert Wolf, Dr. Robert S. Woodward, E. W. Woodward.

The Rubinstein Club, one of the foremost of Washington's women's musical organizations, in a letter from its president, Mrs. A. M. Blair, to Prof. Otto T. Simon, director of the Metropolitan Opera Society, gave assurance of the club's interest in the plans for a community Christmas tree and said that anything the Rubinstein Club could do to aid would be gladly done. The letter of Mrs. Blair follows:

"My Dear Mr. Simon: If I can assist in any way regarding the Christmas tree success I will be glad to do so. It was given so happy a welcome in New York last year, and I am glad you have had the courage to start the idea here. With best wishes, believe me, 'Sincerely,' (signed) 'MRS. A. M. BLAIR.'"

The Evening Star is vigorously supporting the plan for a community Christmas tree, and yesterday afternoon printed a striking editorial on the subject. As yet the details of the celebration have not been touched on by the leaders in the work. They are unnecessary to say, will be arranged later on, as the possibilities and needs of Washington develop.

It is safe to say, however, that the celebration will be modeled along the lines of those that have been successfully tried

in a number of the large cities of the country. The first principle of the affair will be that it will be in conformity with the broad Christmas spirit that includes rich and poor, big and little, members of all creeds and nationalities. It will be a celebration for all Washington, in which all Washington is to have as big a part as it will take.

Details Not Arranged.

"Details of the community Christmas tree have not yet been decided upon by those interested," said George White yesterday, "but it is pretty safe to say that in its execution it will resemble what other cities have tried and found good."

"The celebration in New York last year, for instance, was successful in every way. It was staged about dusk. Just as the evening settled down many children gathered around the large tree, and sang Christmas carols. As the evening shadows closed in the tree, strung with electric lights, was gradually illuminated with the Star of the East shining above it."

"It has been most gratifying the way the plan for a community Christmas has taken hold. Today I have heard from a number of persons who called or wrote me to tell me how heartily they favored the idea, and to pledge support."

"ALLEGORICAL COW" OF TILLMAN GOES IN PERMANENT RECORD

Senator Smoot Withdraws His Objection to Reproduction of Cartoon in Bound Volume.

Senator Tillman's "allegorical cow" will be entered in the permanent Congressional Record.

Recently the Senator from South Carolina submitted in the Senate a picture of a cow which had appeared in the form of a cartoon in a New York newspaper in the early '70s, and asked that it be reproduced in the Congressional Record.

Senator Smoot allowed the cow to be reproduced in the daily Congressional Record, but reserved an objection to having her appear in the permanent bound Record. Yesterday the Senator from Utah withdrew his objection, saying that "if it were any Senator other than Mr. Tillman I would insist on my objection."

TRAIN GOES OVER BANK; 15 KILLED

More Than 200 Injured in Wreck on Central of Georgia.

WERE GOING TO FAIR

Few Physicians in Village, Victims Suffer for Hours Without Medical Aid.

Clayton, Ala., Nov. 13.—Fifteen persons are known to have been killed and more than 200 injured—six fatally and many seriously—near here today, when a Central of Georgia excursion train was wrecked. The authorities tonight said that several more bodies may be buried in the debris, and that the death toll might reach a score.

The train, which was en route, Oznark to Eufaula, where the county fair was to open today, was traveling at a high rate of speed, when the three rear coaches were whipped off the track on a curve and plunged down a forty-foot embankment. The wooden coaches, loaded to capacity, were torn to bits. Hardly a passenger escaped uninjured.

J. D. Clayton Murd.

J. D. Clayton, brother of Representative Clayton, a passenger on the train, was badly injured. Among the dead are Pompey Outsey, a Barber County official; Munroe Floyd, C. B. Bell, unidentified woman, all supposed to be from Clayton; Mrs. Laura Wilkinson, Mrs. Wilbur McLean, Mrs. Jennie Beck, Mrs. Maude McLean, Wash. McLean, and the child of R. F. Brock, all of Clay, and Mrs. Alto Adams, of Blountville.

Several bodies were so badly mutilated that identification would be impossible. As soon as word of the wreck was received here townpeople rushed to the scene in vehicles of every kind and brought the injured here, nearly every house being turned into a temporary hospital. Because of the lack of physicians many of the seriously injured were forced to suffer for hours with no medical attention other than that given by amateurs.

"INDECENT" VOLUME FOR SALE IN CAPITAL

Book that Aroused the Ire of Anthony Comstock Sold by Suffragists in Washington.

Christabel Pankhurst's book, "Plain Facts About a Great Evil," which aroused Anthony Comstock by its frankness concerning things unspoken, has been placed on sale at woman suffrage headquarters in Washington. "Positively indecent," was the conclusion reached by Mr. Comstock, New York guardian of public morals, after a careful reading, whereof Miss Pankhurst writes:

"Mr. Maj. Richard Sylvester read my little book and then told his tale" say woman suffragists. No. There is nothing in this literature effort but what ought to be generally known. We are too proud to learn of the things which this work treats of, and yet they are such as every one ought to know. No. Mr. Sylvester has not yet sent for a copy."

"It will do no one any harm to read the book," Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs said. "It is a straightforward description of conditions which should not exist, and which can best be corrected by dealing with them outspokenly."

Kaiser Hays Tangle.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—Kaiser Wilhelm is taking drastic measures to suppress the rapidly increasing number of strikes which are being held in the Reich. Orders have been issued by the Kaiser to the effect that the tango must not be danced at court balls or other functions where princes or other members of the royalty may be present.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

Senate.

Passed a resolution introduced by Senator Morris providing an investigation of the rates of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

Passed Senator Pittman's bill relieving miners in the Seward Alaska Peninsula from assessment work this year.

Senator Kern stated that the Poincaré bill making State laws effective for the direct election of Senators would be taken up next week.

Two factions of the Banking and Currency Committee drafted bills which they will compare Saturday.

Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill advancing one grade all officers of the army, navy, Public Health Service, and Marine Corps who have served six years in the Panama Canal Zone.

Adjourned until noon, Monday.

House.

Representative Hendley of Missouri made an address deploring an increase in the United States Navy and urging passage of a resolution to inform Winston Churchill's plan for a naval holiday.

Representative Brockman of Delaware obtained permission to make a speech today on the subject of Delaware's whipping post.

Twenty-two members answered to a roll call.

Adjourned to noon today.

SHAFROTH TAKES STAND FOR MORE REGIONAL BANKS

Colorado Senator Outlines Currency Ideas at Dinner of Bankers.

EUROPEAN PLAN CITED

Washington Organization to Apply for Affiliation with American Bankers' Association.

Senator Shafroth of Colorado, considered an expert in currency matters, is in favor of the establishment of ten or twelve regional banks, instead of the four agreed on by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, he said last night at a meeting of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

The banks, Senator Shafroth said, should not be made banks of the people, but banks of bankers. He does not favor plans to permit the public to purchase stock in the banks, he said.

"There should be ten or twelve regional banks," said Senator Shafroth. "Europe is not so big as the United States, and yet they have a great many more than ten such banks, and they have less business. Forty per cent of the banking industry is carried on in this country. And, then, it is largely a question of geography. There should be banks in every section of the country."

"It is necessary that the head of a regional bank be a banker, and a banker with whom he is to deal. Therefore, there should be but a reasonable distance between banks."

Col. Harper Speaks.

"I do not favor plans to make the regional banks banks of the people. They have 25,000 banks in this country. The regional banks will contain only money of the bankers, and the bankers will control the disbursement that deals with their money."

"Banks should not be permitted, however, to be represented on the Federal reserve board, because questions coming before the board largely will be questions of governmental policy. If there is a raise in the rates of discount, there will be a rise in the rates of interest. If the rates are reduced, there will be a fall in the rates of interest. A banker might, at some time, take advantage of this to make himself rich."

Col. Robert N. Harper, president of the District National Bank, made a short address in which he spoke of the currency bill. He is strongly in favor, he said, of the establishment of at least twelve regional banks.

"If four banks are better than the twelve recommended by the House," said Col. Harper, "on the same principle one must be better than four. If the four banks now proposed will be better than one regional bank, then there is no reason to suppose that twelve will be better than four."

Apply for Affiliation.

George D. Allen, educational director of the institute, spoke on the work that is being done to educate bankers and bank clerks, and said that there need be no worry regarding the currency bill. The bill, he said, will cause ruin to none, however good or bad it may be.

There was a smoker following the business meeting. There was a solo by A. Hines and a recitation by Edward C. Healey.

It is probable, as a result of the meeting, that the Washington chapter of the institute will be affiliated with the American Bankers' Association. Application will be made shortly for admission to the association. It was decided last night, so that Washington bank clerks may have a delegate and a vote at conventions of the association.

Officers of the institute are: F. B. Devereux, president; H. W. Irwin, secretary, and W. McK. Stowell, chairman of the program committee.

SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE SPLITS; MEETINGS SEPARATE

The Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate broke into halves yesterday six members continuing their session in one room, while six of the seven Democratic members who have adhered to the administration currency plan held a meeting elsewhere. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska met with the five Republicans. It was explained that no serious dissension was to be attached to this fact.

The five Republicans and Mr. Hitchcock insist that they are the remnant of the regular Senate committee that remained when the administration Democrats withdrew.

They will, at a time, make a report to the Senate on a bill embodying the drastic measures to suppress the rapidly increasing number of strikes which are being held in the Reich. Orders have been issued by the Kaiser to the effect that the tango must not be danced at court balls or other functions where princes or other members of the royalty may be present.

At the meeting of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee yesterday was directed to perfect the respective bills. A regular meeting of the Banking and Currency Committee was to have been held, but Chairman Owen telegraphed to the Republican members that there would be no meeting.

Each committee expects to have its report ready for a meeting of the full committee Saturday, and reports will go to the Senate Monday or Tuesday.

Women Defend Strikers.

New York, Nov. 13.—Undismayed by threats of striking taxicab drivers, Mrs. Catherine Haverly, who owns and operates six motor cabs in this city, conducted her services in person today. Mrs. Haverly sat on the seat of the first cab which left her garage and defied a mob of strikers to interfere with the strike-breakers she had at work.